



NIEM on the Road: Recent Trip to the Netherlands

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On October 15-17, Justin Stekervetz, acting managing director of the NIEM Program Management Office (PMO), and Andrew Owen, co-chair of the NIEM Technical Architecture Committee (NTAC), traveled to The Hague, Netherlands, to conduct NIEM technical training. The goal of the training was to provide a robust overview of NIEM while focusing on the technical details of the model for those supporting the development of the Universal Message Format (UMF2). The class included over a dozen participants from Europol, Eurojust, and Frontex, as well as representation from countries including Bulgaria, Denmark, Finland, Poland, and Sweden.

The goal of the UMF2 Working Group is to create a common framework for structured information exchange between European Union law enforcement authorities. NIEM provides a robust foundation of community, technical, and support frameworks that the UMF2 Working Group is keenly interested in evaluating for their use in realizing UMF2 goals.

The opportunity to provide NIEM training aligned nicely with the UMF2 Working Group milestones. The working group intends to move forward in creating their information model and to derive information exchange specifications over the next year.

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